

PRESIDENT, HOME, HAS BUSY TIME

Back at White House After Two Months' Absence, Chief Executive Tackles Many Big Problems That Are Up For His Consideration.

Anxious About Make-up of Next House—Submarine and Mexican Questions Will Require Attention—No Thoughts of Cabinet Yet.

Washington, Nov. 13.—President Wilson was back at his desk in the White House today after an absence of two months, prepared to take up important foreign problems which have been held in abeyance pending the election as well as domestic questions. These included the Germans submarine situation, the Mexican problem and a number of federal appointments.

The President has not even considered the question of changes in his cabinet, according to administration officials, who characterize as premature reports that he decided on such changes. It is possible, however, that one or two cabinet officers may not remain after March 4.

Although Mr. Wilson was tired out when he returned last night, he was up early this morning for breakfast. Immediately afterwards he began reading huge stacks of mail accumulated during his trip to Williamstown, Mass.

The President asked first for the latest information on the political make-up of the House of Representatives in the 65th Congress. He was told indications from present relations were that the Republicans would have 217 members and the Democrats 212, with six members of other parties.

The President was understood to be much concerned over the make-up of the next House, chiefly because of its effect on the selection of the Speaker and chairmanship of committees which he is anxious to see in the hands of the Democrats. As far as legislation is concerned, it was said today Mr. Wilson is confident that most of the measures to be proposed by him would gain the support of enough Republicans to carry them through.

Mr. Wilson continues to refuse to make any comment on the election pending the receipt of formal word from Mr. Hughes and the Republican national committee conceding his reelection.

Henry Morgenthau, chairman of the finance committee of the Democratic National Committee, called on the President today. After a brief stay in Washington, the President is away for a short rest. He will make no definite plans, however, until he has got in thorough touch with official business here and learned whether the submarine or Mexican situations require his presence.

Secretary Lansing planned to confer with President Wilson today on recent submarine attacks on vessels carrying Americans and on the Mexican situation.

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FRED WHITNEY IS HONORED BY ENGLISH BOARD

Institute of Inventors of Great Britain Gives Him Fellowship.

Fred Brown Whitney, general counsel and chairman of the board of directors of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. of this city, has had high European honors conferred upon him, through his invention of submarine boats.

Word has been received in this city of his election to a fellowship in the Institute of Inventors of England in which Hiram S. Maxim and Nicholas Tesla are vice presidents.

The patent originally drafted in the offices of Mercer D. Blondell, Bridgeport, an American patent attorney, specializing in the submarine art, was only recently granted Mr. Whitney in England.

Though detailed drawings and specifications are not available in this city today it is known to be a radical invention covering an entire submarine boat. The British patent number is recorded as 2000115 and includes among other things a double hull, sea-going torpedo boat which is propelled by a new system.

The Diesel engines are directly connected to dynamo which are located amidships and at the lowest point inside the hull. Electric motors are attached directly to the propeller shafts. The dynamo generates the electrical current which actuates the motors, which in turn revolve the propeller shafts for surface navigations.

When submerged a storage battery furnishes the current to actuate the propeller motors.

Mr. Whitney, who resided for considerable period of time in Bridgeport, but now living in New York, is well known here.

CUMMINGS TO INSIST ON SUPERVISION WHEN MACHINES ARE OPENED

Counsel representing the Democratic party in Bridgeport will appear before Judge Gager, tomorrow, to oppose the petition of Mayor Clifford B. Wilson and Town Clerk Joseph Schulz, with respect to removing from the voting machines the records of the election.

The Democratic party has no objection to the record being removed, and the machines being reset for the special election, provided opportunity is provided to verify the condition of the machines, to see if they are in good order, and to verify and take off the record as it stands.

FAILURE OF RAILROADS TO LIVE UP TO 8-HOUR BILL TO MEAN STRIKE

New York, Nov. 13.—Failure of the railroads of the country to live up to the spirit and intent of the Adamson eight hour law will result in the strike vote of the four big railroad brotherhoods being put into effect, it was announced here today by William G. Lee, the head of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, after a three hour conference with brotherhood and railway representatives.

CLAD IN KHAKI, BULLOCK HOLDS FORTH IN PULPIT

Erstwhile Stratford Clergyman Creates Sensation in London Church.

(Special to The Farmer.) London, Nov. 13.—Lieutenant Colonel Seymour Bullock, formerly of Stratford, Ct., U. S. A., the only clergyman in the world to command a battalion of troops, is now in London, where, without donning his khaki, he has been preaching in a Unitarian church. He is in command of one of the American Legion battalions raised in Canada.

Although there are five battalions of American citizens raised in Canada and attached to the Canadian forces, in the first 825 men recruited, and 25 of the 48 States in the Union were represented.

In answer to a question why he, an American minister, had joined the British army as a combatant, the colonel said:

"I hold it is wrong to tell another man to go out and shoot without you go and do likewise. The men I have the privilege of commanding, and more, came voluntarily. They realized, as I did, that this was a war of principles, not of nations, and that the United States was affected by the outcome just as much as the allied nations."

"It was a question whether the mailed fist should rule civilization or whether the principles of the Man who Jesus was nailed to the Cross should prevail. But the sinking of the Lusitania was the casting of the die. Then I announced I had furlined my flag, that it never again should be carried by the breezes until the country which had been so long my home had declared itself against such a damnable outrage."

"I then took a commission and combatant rank and helped to raise a battalion of Americans to fight. That one battalion grew into eight," added the colonel with a satisfied smile.

"In America," he continued, "there is a ubiquitous sign, 'Safety first.' There is no more ignoble cry unless it may be 'Too proud to fight,' as honor comes before safety. Righteousness and justice take precedence when it comes to a question of pride and fighting."

Rev. Mr. Bullock built and for several years was pastor of the Neighborhood church in Stratford. The congregation since disbanded and the edifice where he formerly preached is now the meeting place of the Stratford lodge of Red Men. Mr. Bullock left Stratford to preach in a Unitarian church in New London. From the Whaling town he went to the pulpit of a small Unitarian church at Ottawa, Can. There, following the outbreak of the world war, when called to substitute for the pastor of one of the largest churches in Ottawa, he preached a sensational sermon, declaring that although he was an American citizen, and a veteran of the Spanish-American war, he had furlined his flag and would not unfurl it again until the United States had forced Germany to make restitution for the sinking of the Lusitania. He was once the national chaplain of the Spanish-American War Veterans.

SEEK MISSING YOUTH.

The police have been asked to locate Nicholas Verses, 17 years, of 9 Garden place, who has been missing from home a period of six weeks. He is 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 90 pounds, and when last seen wore short green pants, black coat and a white check cap.

RE-ARGUMENT IS ORDERED

Washington, Nov. 13.—Re-argument was ordered today by the supreme court of cases testing the constitutionality of the Washington, New York, New Jersey and Iowa workmen's compensation laws. No date was set for rehearing.

HYDRAULIC CO. BUYS BIG TRACT OF EASTON LAND

New York Lawyer's Holdings Including Several Houses Are Bought Up

PART OF PLAN TO INCREASE STORAGE

Change of Property Indicates Early Steps to Flood Pleasant Valley.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Redding, Nov. 13.—One of the most important real estate purchases recently effected by the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. is that completed within the past week by which the corporation gains title to the greater part of the 350 acre farm of Arthur L. Livermore, a prominent New York lawyer. The farm is located mostly in Easton, partly in Redding.

The purchase is understood to include about 300 acres comprising the low lying territory adjoining the Aspetuck river, which is the main feeder of the Hemlock reservoir. It takes in the original Wakeman Bradley farm of something over 200 acres, also some of the hillside acreage. It comprises, also, four houses, one being the summer residence of Mr. Livermore, the former Isaac Fennell house, on known as the Baldwin place which Mr. and Mrs. Livermore modeled for the occupancy of W. D. Baldwin, president of the Otis Elevator Co., and two tenement houses. There is included, also, an acre artificial pond, well known with trout. The transfer is understood not to include the three houses

NEW ALDERMEN ARE SWORN IN BY CITY CLERK

No Contest in Second District Over Election of John J. Ford.

John J. Ford, Democrat, who won over James Stone, Republican in the Second District was sworn into office today by City Clerk Robinson. There had been some talk that the Republicans might contest the election of Mr. Ford because he was an assistant registrar of voters for his district and acted in that capacity during election day and the five days preceding. Mr. Ford's election could not have been contested unless he had acted as moderator. He had a plurality of 85 over his opponent, Mr. Stone, former charities commissioner.

There will be three Democratic aldermen in the next common council. Joseph P. Onkey, Democrat from the Fourth district probably will be chosen Democratic leader. John F. Clancy, elected from the Sixth district is the other Democratic alderman. No Democrat will get a place on any important committee.

In the present common council Alderman William P. Cor of the Second district was a member of the ways and means committee. Alderman Frank J. Clancy held membership on the fire department committee. Alderman Daniel P. Harrigan of the Eighth district was on the committee on unfinished business, and Alderman William J. Moran of the Sixth district was on the printing and rules committees.

The newly elected Democratic aldermen took the oath of office. Theirs with that of Henry Kampf, Rep. of the Twelfth district, will be the new faces in the common council chamber when the first session is called Monday evening, Dec. 4. Malcolm MacFadden, re-elected alderman from the First district will be re-elected president of the common council. Other aldermen who will be returned to the council and who took the oath today, are Henry A. Lewis of the Third district; Maurice J. Olson, Fifth district; William E. Primrose, Ninth district; William R. Kearns, Tenth district; and Hiram S. Winterburn, Eleventh district.

Head of Parsons Foundry Is Dead

Following a week's illness with pneumonia, John W. Cottrell, for many years president of the R. E. Parsons foundry, died this morning at his home, 440 Shelton street. Mr. Cottrell was born in Sharon, Conn., March 18, 1851, the son of George H. and Lois Cottrell. He came to Bridgeport when 18 years of age and entered the employ of the R. E. Parsons foundry as a patternmaker. During the years that he was with the concern he worked his way up through various positions until he became its president. Under his management the foundry grew and recently built a large new factory. He was also interested in the Standard Manufacturing Co.

Because of the fact that he had suffered considerably with heart trouble, Mr. Cottrell's illness was considered serious from the first. He was an active member and for many years a trustee of the Washington Park M. E. church and was a past grand master of Oranoke lodge, I. O. O. F., of Stratford. He was also an auditor of the Lakeview Cemetery association.

His wife died a year ago. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. William Rowell, Mrs. Cora Dilton and Miss Olive Cottrell; three sisters, Mrs. Andrew Morehouse, Mrs. John Gough and Mrs. Frederick Blake, all of this city, and one brother, George Cottrell, of New Britain.

THE WEATHER

Connecticut: rain tonight and Tuesday, fresh east winds

SOLDIERS' VOTE CUTTING HUGHES' MINNESOTA LEAD

Further Returns of Border Ballot Reduces Plurality to 250.

OFFICIAL CANVASS ON IN CALIFORNIA

Republicans There Still Hopeful of Splitting Electoral Vote.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 13.—The vote of Minnesota soldiers on the border has trimmed the plurality for Charles E. Hughes to 250, according to the latest returns available. Today the figures stand 178,563 for Wilson to 178,313 for Hughes in the state.

The latest guardsmen's vote heard from was that of Fairmont county, whose troops of the Second Regiment voted 21 for Wilson to 11 for Hughes. This gain of 10 for Wilson cut the Hughes lead to 250. It is likely that the work of tabulating returns will begin in the state capital today when the reports of county officials are expected to arrive.

San Francisco, Nov. 13.—Official canvass of the Presidential vote was begun here today. Both parties have watchers and attorneys scrutinizing the returns. The Republicans have hopes that the official count may develop a plurality for one or more Hughes electors and the delegation thus be split. Democrats say that this is unlikely.

With 17 small precincts missing this morning, President Wilson's plurality was 3,275.

VOTE IN DELAWARE

Wilmington, Nov. 13.—The official canvass of the vote of Delaware at last Tuesday's election was completed today and is as follows: Hughes, 25,794; Wilson, 24,521; Hanly, 649; Benson, 483. These figures do not include the soldier vote from two counties cast in New Mexico.

BUSINESS AGENT OF I. A. M. LOCAL SUED FOR \$1,500

Member of Union Declares Bowen Used Disparaging Language About Him.

On the ground that he made false and malicious statements about a member of Local No. 30, International Association of Machinists, George J. Bowen, business agent of the local, has been sued for \$1,500 by Philip A. Desilets of this city. Papers in the action were filed today in the common pleas court.

Desilets claims that at a meeting of the local on October last, Bowen spoke of him as follows: "I will tell you what this man is and who he is. When he was treasurer of the old club it never paid the rent or anything else. I was at that time president, as I took charge of the club and made it pay. So you see something was wrong."

"He looked around several months and where was he getting the money to live on? He hung around several months and then he sponged on the lodge for sick benefits. He left town to go to the Soldiers' Home and the next we knew of him he was over in Long Island working. That is his record. I leave it to you to judge what kind of a man he is."

Desilets said this speech was intended to impute dishonesty on the part of the plaintiff. He claims to have been injured in character, credit and reputation. Property on Carroll avenue belonging to Bowen has been attached. Bowen intends to fight the case.

SHAFTING WHIRLS WORKMAN IN AIR AT SALT'S SHOP

Three workmen in various parts of the city suffered injuries as a result of accidents and one is so severely hurt that his condition is considered critical.

Tony Jullo, 23 years of age, of East Bridgeport, while at work in the Salt's Machine Manufacturing Co., at 1045 this morning, was caught in the shafting of some machinery, carried from the floor to the ceiling and whirled about in the air, before the machinery was stopped.

He was removed to the Galen hospital, suffering from the fracture of a half dozen of his left ribs, internal injuries. Innumerable lacerations which covered his body, and shock. His condition is serious.

Accidentally struck by an iron bar, Herbert Phillips, 33 years of Milford, an employee of the Ashcroft manufacturing Co., was taken to St. Vincent's hospital by Dr. S. I. Aranki, this morning, from the factory suffering from a fracture of the right knee.

Thomas Jobloski, 34 years of age, of 573 Putnam street, suffered a fracture of his left knee, this morning when a stove which he was setting up in the Lyric theatre fell on him. He was taken home after treatment by Dr. S. I. Aranki.

HAVERNS WILL BE AGAIN PRESIDENT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Robert Goddard to be Secretary in Place of William B. Boardman.

Elmer H. Havens, Republican, will be re-elected president of the board of education at the annual meeting to be held in the rooms in the First Bridgeport National bank building this evening. There will be a new face in the board when it gathers about the table, that of Dr. Alfred C. Fones, Republican, elected in place of William B. Boardman. John A. Hurley and Louis F. Schwerdtle, Democrats, and Howard S. Challenger, Republican, are returned to the board and begin their third year tonight. Robert D. Goddard, Democrat, will be chosen secretary to succeed William B. Boardman, who was not re-nominated by the Republicans. Dr. Geo. W. Osborn, Democrat, will be re-elected vice president.

The committees appointed will be as follows: On schools, Elmer H. Havens, William R. Webster, Jr., and Nathaniel W. Bishop.

SERBIANS, AIDED BY FRENCH ALLIES, WIN NOTABLE VICTORIES

Rout Bulgarian and German Forces Near Monastir, Paris Reports—Central Power Allies Forced to Withdraw for Distance of Two Miles, Losing Thousands Prisoners—British Open New Attacks on Somme Front.

Paris, Nov. 13.—The Serbians have won a brilliant victory over the Germans and Bulgarians in the Cerna district southeast of Monastir, the war office announced today. The Serbians, supported by French artillery forced the Teutonic allies to retreat a distance of nearly two miles and captured about one thousand prisoners.

The retreat of the German-Bulgarian force was completed after a battle lasting two days.

The prisoners taken raise the total captured since September 12, says the statement, to 6,000 men, together with 72 cannon and 53 machine guns taken during this period.

the offensive, but their efforts to advance failed completely.

In the town of Salliy-Sallizel, according to the statement, the German forces continue to hold the east edge of the town.

RUMANIAN PRISONERS

Berlin, Nov. 13.—On the Transylvania frontier, Austro-German troops captured three towns and repulsed numerous Rumanian attacks, the war office announced. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken.

RUSSIAN FLEET AGAIN BOMBARDING CONSTANZA

London, Nov. 13.—The Russians have crossed the Danube into Dobrudja at two points south of Tchernavoda and the Russian fleet has renewed the bombardment of Constanza, according to Petrograd advices received today by wireless by way of Rome.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen is reported continuing his retreat with demoralized forces and with one-third of his effectives lost.

The ravages of disease and the military reverses sustained are declared in the Petrograd advices to have seriously affected the morale of Von Mackensen's army while the reinforcements he requested to make good his losses are said not to have been provided, his retreat therefore being conducted under disastrous conditions.

GERMANS LOSE SHIPS IN FINLAND BATTLE

Petrograd, Nov. 13.—An official statement issued here today says that a majority of German vessels which took part Friday in a battle in the Gulf of Finland were sunk.

The German ships, the statement says, were 36 knot torpedo craft.

OFFICIAL PAPERS FROM BERLIN ARE REPORTED STOLEN

Embassy Here Thinks That Graves, Alleged Black-mailer, Has Them.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The German embassy has reason to believe that a number of highly confidential official despatches, at present missing, were in the packet from which Karl Armgaard Graves extracted letters he is charged with having used in an alleged attempt to obtain \$3,000 from Countess Von Bernstorff, wife of the German ambassador.

The nature of the despatches is unknown. The German government has sent all available information regarding the packet's contents and investigation, it is expected, will immediately be made in Berlin with a view of ascertaining what, if any, secret papers are missing, as well as the identity of the messenger from whom Graves secured the letters.

It was made clear today that Prince Hatzfeldt, counselor of the embassy, through whom Graves attempted to get the \$3,000, may testify against him but would prefer not to. If his testimony is deemed essential to the prosecution of Graves, permission for him to appear in court will be asked of Emperor William.

It was learned today that the packet from which Graves obtained the letters addressed to Countess Von Bernstorff had been officially settled by the German foreign office. The letters which have so far been seen by embassy officials are dated early in September. It is presumed that they were started on their way to the United States from Berlin between the 10th and 15th of that month.

All details of the story told by Graves last night in New York were ridiculed today at the German embassy.

Town Official Kills His Daughter-in-Law; Wounds Son and Self

Dudley, Mass., Nov. 13.—Frank E. Deon, town counsel and tax collector of Dudley, shot and killed his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Robert Deon, probably fatally wounded his son, Robert Deon, and then attempted suicide today. Physicians said neither father nor son could live.

Young Deon, in a lucid moment, told police officers that his father had been drinking.

DIES IN AMBULANCE ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. Esther Guskans, 24 years of age, of 415 Bostwick avenue, was taken suddenly ill in her home 415 Bostwick avenue last night and Dr. M. Steinberger of 615 Hancock avenue was called by her husband. When he arrived the scene the woman was suffering from convulsions and the physician summoned the emergency ambulance to have her removed to the hospital, but she died before the ambulance reached her home.

Three men were killed and four seriously injured by an explosion at the plant of the Eastern Steel Co., at Pottstown, Pa.

An American war relic museum is to be one of the features of the Preparedness Bazaar to be held in the Grand Central Palace.